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CARLOCK, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTIES.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Counties, to who was referred Senate bill No. 92, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

HARDEY, Acting Chairman.

NINETEENTH DAY.

(Wednesday, March 20, 1918.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Atlee.	Dodd.
Bass.	Dudley.
Beard.	Dunnam.
Beasley.	Estes.
Beason.	Fairchild.
Bedell.	Fly.
Bell.	Ford.
Bennette.	Greenwood.
Bertram.	Haidusek.
Blackburn.	Hardey.
Blackmon.	Harris.
Bland.	Henderson.
Bledsoe.	Hill.
Brown.	Holaday.
Bryan.	Holland.
Burton of Rusk.	Johnson of Blanco.
Burton of Tarrant.	Johnson of Ellis.
Butler.	Jones.
Carlock.	Kempen.
Cates.	Laas.
Clark.	Lacey.
Cope.	Lackey.
Cox of Bee.	Laney.
Cox of Ellis.	Lange.
Crudgington.	Lanier.
Davis of Dallas.	Lindemann.
Davis of Grimes.	McComb.
Davis of Harris.	McCord.
Davis	McCoy.
of Van Zandt.	McDowra.
De Bogory.	McMillin.
Denton.	Mathis.

Meador.
Mendell.
Metcalf.
Miller of Austin.
Miller of Dallas.
Monday.
Moore.
Morris.
Murphy.
Murrell.
Neill.
Nordhaus.
O'Banion.
Parks.
Peyton.
Pillow.
Poage.
Pope.
Raiden.
Reeves.
Roemer.
Rogers.
Sackett.
Sallas.
Sentell.
Schlesinger.
Schlosshan.
Seawright.
Smith of Bastrop.
Smith of Hopkins.
Smith of Scurry.
Spradley.
Sneed.

Stephens.
Stewart.
Swope.
Taylor.
Templeton.
Terrell.
Thomas.
Thomason
of El Paso.
Thomason
of Nacogdoches.
Thompson
of Hunt.
Thompson
of Red River.
Tillotson.
Tilson.
Tinner.
Traylor.
Upchurch.
Vaughan.
Veatch.
Wahrmund.
White.
Williams
of Brazoria.
Williams
of McLennan.
Williford.
Wilson.
Woods.
Yantis.

Absent.

Bagby.	Sholars.
O'Brien.	Strayhorn.
Richards.	Valentine.
Robertson.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Lowe.
Cadenhead.	McFarland.
Canales.	Osborne.
Hudspeth.	Spencer.
King.	Walker.
Lee.	

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Cadenhead for last Monday, Tuesday, today and indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Smith of Hopkins.

Mr. Osborne for today, on motion of Mr. De Bogory.

Mr. Robertson for the balance of the session, on motion of Mr. Mendell.

The following members were excused on account of sickness:

Mr. Lee for today, on motion of Mr. Swope.

Mr. Hudspeth for today, on motion of Mr. Templeton.

MOTION TO PRINT BILL IN THE JOURNAL.

Mr. Tillotson moved that House bill No. 164 be printed in the Journal and not printed in bill form and the motion was lost.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Beason, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 86 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Bland, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 102 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Dunnam, it was ordered that House bill No. 99 be not printed.

MOTION TO NOT PRINT BILL.

Mr. Laney moved that House bill No. 100 be not printed and the motion was lost.

TO PAY COMMITTEE TO ATTEND STATE AND NATIONAL COUNCILS OF DEFENSE.

Mr. Tillotson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Contingent Expenses be authorized to pay out of the contingent expense fund the expenses of the committee appointed by the Speaker to attend the meetings of the National and State Councils of Defense, held at Dallas March 12, 1918.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. Metcalfe raised a point of order on consideration of the resolution on the ground that the House has no authority to pay such expenses.

The Speaker declined to rule on the point of order.

The resolution was then adopted.

SENATE BILL NO. 1 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 44 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, and to provide the manner in which the State funds shall be kept and deposited; to define the State Depository Board and its powers, and what banks may become State depositories, and the manner and means of selecting such State depositories, pro-

viding for the distribution of such State funds among such depositories, repealing all laws in conflict, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 10 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 10, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the creation and establishment of water control and preservation districts for the control and preservation of the purity of the waters of rivers, creeks, bayous, lakes, canals, streams or other waters, for irrigation or in aid thereof, by the prevention of the inflow of salt water or other deleterious substances; the changing of said waters from salt to fresh water and the impounding of fresh water; empowering such districts to erect, construct, maintain, repair and reconstruct dams, bulkheads, jetties, locks, gates or any other character of improvements necessary to the accomplishment of said purposes, or any of them; creating boards of water control and preservation where the lands embraced in such districts lie in two or more counties, or parts of counties, and defining the powers of such boards of water control and preservation; providing for the method of establishment of such districts; authorizing the ordering and holding of elections for the purpose of voting on the establishment of such districts, and the issuance of bonds and levy of tax in payment for such improvements and the levying and collecting of taxes for payment of such bonds, and interest thereon; authorizing the appointment of directors of such water control and preservation districts, and defining their duties and powers; granting the right of eminent domain to such water control and preservation districts, authorizing the directors of such districts to acquire by purchase, gift or grant, for such district, title to any right of way and other property necessary for the purposes of such districts; granting a right of way over all public lands in the State necessary to effectuate the purposes of such district; authorizing the conveyance of any property acquired to the United States for certain purposes; authorizing the directors to employ an engineer, manager and other employes, to employ counsel, to enter into contract for such improvements; to

agree or co-operate with the government of the United States, the proper department or officer thereof, for the carrying out of such improvements of the supervision of same, and for all things necessary for the maintenance of such districts according to the provisions of this act; providing for entering upon lands for surveys and for all purposes of this act, and providing for penalties for preventing or prohibiting such entry upon lands; providing for the selection of depositories; authorize the directors to issue bonds in amount sufficient to cover the cost of the proposed improvements, the expenses incident thereto and expenses necessarily incurred in connection with the creation and establishment of such districts, the amount of said bonds not to exceed the amount authorized by the election; requiring the directors to levy a tax upon all taxable property within the district to pay the interest on such bonds, together with an additional amount to be placed in a sinking fund sufficient to pay the bonds at maturity; to levy and cause to be assessed taxes sufficient in amount to pay for the expense of assessing and collecting such taxes, for the expenses incident to the maintenance of the district and for the maintenance, operation and repair of such improvements; requiring the commissioners court of the county or counties within which the district is situated to order the county tax assessor to assess all property within such district, lying within the county, and list the same for taxation; providing the method of assessment and a penalty for the failure of any tax assessor to comply with the order of the commissioners court to so assess; providing the remedy by mandamus in the event any commissioners court should fail or refuse to order the county tax assessor to assess said property; requiring the tax collector of the county in which such district is situated to collect the taxes for said district within his county; providing for the commissioners court to require an additional bond or security from such tax collectors; providing for the method of collecting the taxes, the bringing of suits for collection of delinquent taxes and the enforcement of tax liens created by this act; providing penalties for failure or refusal of tax collectors to give additional bond or security or to collect the taxes; providing when taxes shall mature and be paid and penalties for failure to pay

same within the required time; providing for reports by district depositories and by board of directors; providing for the filing of suits to establish the validity of such districts and of the bonds; fixing the venue and procedure in such actions and the effect of such judgments; providing for the registration of the bonds of such districts by the Comptroller of the State; providing for the sale of such bonds; prohibiting suit brought in any court of the State contesting or enjoining the validity of the formation of any district or the bonds except in the name of the State of Texas by the Attorney General upon his own motion or upon the motion of any party affected thereby; providing the method of paying out funds of said district; providing for two or more districts undertaking joint projects; providing generally a complete system for the establishment of such districts and the government of same; authorizing the directors to invest the sinking fund, and declaring such districts defined districts within the meaning of the Constitution, repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Denton moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until 3 o'clock p. m. today, and the motion to postpone was lost.

Mr. Williams of Brazoria offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend the bill by striking out the word "and" at the end of line 13 and all of lines Nos. 14 and 15, on page 28 of printed committee Senate bill.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Hardey offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend caption of Senate bill No. 10 to correspond with amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and Senate bill No. 10 was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—105.

Mr. Speaker.	Blackburn.
Atlee.	Blackmon.
Bass.	Bland.
Beard.	Brown.
Beasley.	Bryan.
Beason.	Burton of Rusk.
Bedell.	Burton of Tarrant.
Bell.	Carlock.
Bennette.	Cates.
Bertram.	Clark.

Cope.	Parks.
Cox of Bee.	Pillow.
Cox of Ellis.	Poage.
Crudgington.	Pope.
Davis of Dallas.	Raiden.
Davis of Grimes.	Reeves.
De Bogory.	Roemer.
Dodd.	Rogers.
Dudley.	Sackett.
Dunnam.	Sallas.
Estes.	Sentell.
Fly.	Schlesinger.
Ford.	Seawright.
Haidusek.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hardey.	Smith of Hopkins.
Harris.	Spradley.
Henderson.	Sneed.
Hill.	Stephens.
Holaday.	Stewart.
Holland.	Swope.
Johnson of Blanco.	Taylor.
Johnson of Ellis.	Templeton.
Jones.	Terrell.
Kempen.	Thomason
Laas.	of El Paso.
Lackey.	Thomason
Lange.	of Nacogdoches.
Lanier.	Thompson
Lindemann.	of Hunt.
McComb.	Thompson
McCord.	of Red River.
McCoy.	Tillotson.
McDowra.	Tilson.
McMillin.	Tinner.
Mathis.	Traylor.
Meador.	Upchurch.
Mendell.	Wahrmund.
Metcalf.	White.
Miller of Dallas.	Williams
Monday.	of Brazoria.
Moore.	Williams
Morris.	of McLennan.
Murphy.	Williford.
Murrell.	Wilson.
Neill.	Woods.
O'Banion.	Yantis.

Nays—1.

Denton.

Absent.

Bagby.	O'Brien.
Bledsoe.	Richards.
Davis of Harris.	Robertson.
Davis	Sholars.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Scurry.
Fairchild.	Strayhorn.
Greenwood.	Valentine.
Lacey.	Vaughan.
Laney.	Veatch.
Nordhaus.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Canales.
Butler.	Hudspeth.
Cadenhead.	King.

Lee.	Peyton.
Lowe.	Schlosshan.
McFarland.	Spencer.
Miller of Austin.	Thomas.
Osborne.	Walker.

SENATE BILL NO. 45 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 45, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1, Chapter 91, of the General Laws passed by the Thirty-fourth Legislature at its Regular Session requiring applicants for license to practice law under the provisions of said chapter to produce the proof of the existence of the same or similar statute in the State from which the applicant immigrates; validating all licenses issued by the clerk of the Supreme Court under the provisions of said Chapter 91, passed by the Thirty-fourth Legislature prior to the passage of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 66 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 66, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 14, Chapter 87, Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 1917, relating to the appointment of a tax assessor and collector of water improvement districts; providing that such tax assessors and collectors may be appointed by the directors or may be elected at an election called for that purpose; providing for the selection, qualification, bond, compensation and duties of tax assessors and collectors of water improvement districts, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—106.

Mr. Speaker.	Bland.
Atlee.	Brown.
Beard.	Bryan.
Beasley.	Burton of Rusk.
Beason.	Burton of Tarrant.
Bedell.	Carlock.
Bell.	Cates.
Bennette.	Clark.
Bertram.	Cope.
Blackburn.	Cox of Bee.
Blackmon.	Cox of Ellis.

Crudgington.	Pope.
Davis of Dallas.	Raiden.
Davis of Grimes.	Reeves.
Davis	Roemer.
of Van Zandt.	Rogers.
De Bogory.	Sackett.
Denton.	Sallas.
Dodd.	Sentell.
Dudley.	Schlesinger.
Dunnam.	Seawright.
Estes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fairchild.	Smith of Hopkins.
Fly.	Smith of Scurry.
Ford.	Spradley.
Haidusek.	Sneed.
Hardey.	Stephens.
Harris.	Stewart.
Henderson.	Swope.
Holland.	Taylor.
Johnson of Blanco.	Templeton.
Johnson of Ellis.	Terrell.
Jones.	Thomason
Kempen.	of El Paso.
Laas.	Thomason
Lackey.	of Nacogdoches.
Lange.	Thompson
Lanier.	of Hunt.
Lindemann.	Thompson
McComb.	of Red River.
McCord.	Tillotson.
McCoy.	Tilson.
McDowra.	Tinner.
McMillin.	Traylor.
Mathis.	Upchurch.
Mendor.	Vaughan.
Mendell.	Veatch.
Metcalf.	White.
Monday.	Williams
Moore.	of Brazoria.
Morris.	Williams
Murrell.	of McLennan.
Neill.	Williford.
O'Banion.	Wilson.
Parks.	Woods.
Pillow.	Yantis.
Poage.	.

Absent.

Bagby.	Murphy.
Bass.	Nordhaus.
Bledsoe.	O'Brien.
Davis of Harris.	Osborne.
Greenwood.	Richards.
Hill.	Robertson.
Holaday.	Sholars.
Hudspeth.	Strayhorn.
Lacey.	Valentine.
Laney.	Wahrmund.
Miller of Dallas.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Lee.
Butler.	Lowe.
Cadenhead.	McFarland.
Canales.	Miller of Austin.
King.	Peyton.

Schlosshan.
Spencer.Thomas.
Walker.SENATE BILL NO. 58 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 58, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting permission to John T. Elliot to bring suit against the State of Texas in the district court of Anderson county, Texas, for damages for personal injuries received by him while on duty as a bridge carpenter in the employ of the Texas State Railroad; providing that such suit may be filed within two years after this act takes effect; and providing that such cause of action shall not be barred until two years after this act takes effect; and providing for the method of serving process and for procedure governing the trial and determination of such suit, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Carlock offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 58, Section 3, by adding at the end of said section the following: "Provided any amount determined due plaintiff in accordance with the provision of this act shall be approved by act of the Legislature."

The (committee) amendment was adopted.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—105.

Mr. Speaker.	Davis of Dallas.
Atlee.	Davis of Grimes.
Bass.	Davis
Beard.	of Van Zandt.
Beasley.	De Bogory.
Beason.	Denton.
Bedell.	Dodd.
Bell.	Dudley.
Bennette.	Dunnam.
Bertram.	Estes.
Blackburn.	Fairchild.
Blackmon.	Fly.
Bland.	Ford.
Brown.	Haidusek.
Bryan.	Hardey.
Burton of Rusk.	Harris.
Burton of Tarrant.	Hill.
Carlock.	Holaday.
Cates.	Holland.
Clark.	Johnson of Blanco.
Cope.	Johnson of Ellis.
Cox of Bee.	Jones.
Cox of Ellis.	Kempen.
Crudgington.	Laas.

Lackey.	Seawright.
Laney.	Smith of Bastrop.
Lange.	Smith of Hopkins.
Lanier.	Smith of Scurry.
Lindemann.	Spradley.
McComb.	Sneed.
McCord.	Stephens.
McDowra.	Stewart.
McMillin.	Swope.
Mathis.	Taylor.
Meador.	Templeton.
Metcalfe.	Terrell.
Miller of Dallas.	Thomason
Monday.	of El Paso.
Moore.	Thomason
Morris.	of Nacogdoches.
Murphy.	Thompson
Murrell.	of Hunt.
Neill.	Thompson
Nordhaus.	of Red River.
O'Banion.	Tillotson.
Parks.	Traylor.
Pillow.	Upchurch.
Poage.	White.
Pope.	Williams
Raiden.	of Brazoria.
Reeves.	Williams
Roemer.	of McLennan.
Rogers.	Williford.
Sackett.	Wilson.
Sallas.	Woods.
Sentell.	Yantis.

Nays—5.

McCoy.	Vaughan.
Tilson.	Veatch.
Tinner.	

Absent.

Bagby.	Richards.
Bledsoe.	Robertson.
Davis of Harris.	Schlesinger.
Greenwood.	Sholars.
Henderson.	Strayhorn.
Lacey.	Valentine.
Mendell.	Wahrmund.
O'Brien.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	McFarland.
Butler.	Miller of Austin.
Cadenhead.	Osborne.
Canales.	Peyton.
Hudspeth.	Schlosshan.
King.	Spencer.
Lee.	Thomas.
Lowe.	Walker.

SENATE BILL NO. 67 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, S. B. No. 67, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2825, Chapter 4, Title 47, of the Revised Civil

Statutes of Texas, 1911, relating to the qualifications of drainage district commissioners; providing for appointment of such commissioners and their qualifications, compensation, terms of office, providing for their election instead of appointment upon petition of voters, and providing the duties of such officers, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—105.

Mr. Speaker.	Lindemann.
Atlee.	McComb.
Bass.	McCord.
Beard.	McDowra.
Beasley.	McMillin.
Beason.	Mathis.
Bedell.	Meador.
Bell.	Mendell.
Bennette.	Metcalfe.
Bertram.	Miller of Dallas.
Blackburn.	Monday.
Blackmon.	Morris.
Bland.	Murphy.
Brown.	Murrell.
Bryan.	Neill.
Burton of Rusk.	Nordhaus.
Burton of Tarrant.	O'Banion.
Carlock.	Parks.
Cates.	Pillow.
Clark.	Poage.
Cope.	Pope.
Cox of Bee.	Raiden.
Cox of Ellis.	Reeves.
Crudgington.	Roemer.
Davis of Dallas.	Rogers.
Davis of Grimes.	Sackett.
Davis	Sallas.
of Van Zandt.	Sentell.
De Bogory.	Seawright.
Denton.	Smith of Bastrop.
Dodd.	Smith of Hopkins.
Dudley.	Spradley.
Dunnam.	Sneed.
Estes.	Stephens.
Fairchild.	Stewart.
Fly.	Swope.
Ford.	Taylor.
Haidusek.	Templeton.
Hardey.	Terrell.
Harris.	Thomason
Henderson.	of El Paso.
Hill.	Thomason
Holaday.	of Nacogdoches.
Johnson of Blanco.	Thompson
Johnson of Ellis.	of Hunt.
Jones.	Thompson
Kempen.	of Red River.
Laas.	Tillotson.
Laney.	Tilson.
Lange.	Tinner.
Lanier.	Traylor.

Upchurch.	Williams
Vaughan.	of McLennan.
Veatch.	Williford.
White.	Wilson.
	Yantis.

Nays—1.

McCoy.

Absent.

Bagby.	Robertson.
Bledsoe.	Schlesinger.
Davis of Harris.	Sholars.
Greenwood.	Smith of Scurry.
Holland.	Strayhorn.
Lacey.	Valentine.
Lackey.	Wahrmund.
Moore.	Williams
O'Brien.	of Brazoria.
Richards.	Woods.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	McFarland.
Butler.	Miller of Austin.
Cadenhead.	Osborne.
Canales.	Peyton.
Hudspeth.	Schlosshan.
King.	Spencer.
Lee.	Thomas.
Lowe.	Walker.

SENATE BILL NO. 70 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 70, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 821 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, adopted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature in 1911, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—105.

Mr. Speaker.	Clark.
Atlee.	Cope.
Bass.	Cox of Bee.
Beard.	Cox of Ellis.
Beasley.	Davis of Dallas.
Beason.	Davis of Grimes.
Bedell.	Davis
Bell.	of Van Zandt.
Bennette.	De Bogory.
Blackburn.	Dodd.
Blackmon.	Dudley.
Bland.	Dunnam.
Brown.	Estes.
Bryan.	Fairchild.
Burton of Rusk.	Fly.
Burton of Tarrant.	Haidusek.
Carlock.	Hardey.
Cates.	Harris.

Henderson.	Sallas.
Hill.	Sentell.
Holaday.	Schlesinger.
Johnson of Blanco.	Seawright.
Johnson of Ellis.	Smith of Bastrop.
Jones.	Smith of Hopkins.
Kempen.	Smith of Scurry.
Laas.	Spradley.
Lacey.	Sneed.
Laney.	Stephens.
Lange.	Stewart.
Lanier.	Swope.
Lindemann.	Taylor.
McComb.	Templeton.
McCord.	Terrell.
McCoy.	Thomason
McDowra.	of El Paso.
McMillin.	Thomason
Mathis.	of Nacogdoches.
Meador.	Thompson
Mendell.	of Hunt.
Metcalf.	Thompson
Miller of Dallas.	of Red River.
Monday.	Tillotson.
Morris.	Tilson.
Murphy.	Tinner.
Murrell.	Traylor.
Neill.	Upchurch.
Nordhaus.	Vaughan.
O'Banion.	Veatch.
Parks.	White.
Pillow.	Williams
Pope.	of McLennan.
Raiden.	Williford.
Reeves.	Wilson.
Roemer.	Woods.
Rogers.	Yantis.
Sackett.	

Nays—1.

Bertram.

Absent—Excused.

Bagby.	O'Brien.
Bledsoe.	Poage.
Crudgington.	Richards.
Davis of Harris.	Robertson.
Denton.	Sholars.
Ford.	Strayhorn.
Greenwood.	Valentine.
Holland.	Wahrmund.
Lackey.	Williams
Moore.	of Brazoria.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	McFarland.
Butler.	Miller of Austin.
Cadenhead.	Osborne.
Canales.	Peyton.
Hudspeth.	Schlosshan.
King.	Spencer.
Lee.	Thomas.
Lowe.	Walker.

SENATE BILL NO. 72 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on

its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 72, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act to reorganize the Twenty-seventh and Thirty-fifth Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, and to fix the time for holding court therein as passed by the Thirty-third Legislature, Chapter 61; and to fix the time for holding court in the counties of the Twenty-seventh Judicial District, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 86 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 86, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and establishing the Winnie Independent School District in the counties of Chambers and Jefferson, State of Texas; defining its boundaries and divesting the bodies now controlling the same of the title of all property now held and used for public school purposes within the territory within this act described and investing the same in the Winnie Independent School District; providing for the election of a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district; authorizing said district to issue bonds, and to assume the outstanding indebtedness against any of the common school districts affected by this act; and investing the said district with the rights, powers and privileges and duties of a town and village incorporated for free school purposes only under the general laws, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 23 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 23, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 15 of Chapter 5 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas, which act was entitled 'An Act regulating the business of co-operative savings and contract loan companies,' so that hereafter such companies may invest their funds in mortgages which shall be a first lien on real

estate located in any State of the United States of America, and further permitting such companies to invest their funds in Liberty Bonds and other certificates of indebtedness which have or may hereafter be authorized by the United States Congress, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Laney offered the following (committee) amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend Section 1, line 7, by striking out the words, "this State," and inserting in lieu thereof the phrase, "the State where the contract holder resides at the time such contract is issued."

(2)

Amend the bill by adding a new section thereto, which shall be numbered Section 3, and renumbering the subsequent section to correspond thereto. The new section to read as follows:

"Section 3. That on and after the passage of this act, Section 2 of Chapter 5 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas shall read as follows:

"Section 2. All such corporations shall be under the supervision and control of the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, and it shall be his duty at least once every twelve months to cause the books of such corporations to be examined, the expense of such examination to be paid by such corporations in the same manner as now required by law for the examination of insurance companies."

(3)

Amend the caption by striking out the words, "this State," and inserting in lieu thereof the phrase, "the State where the contract holder resides at the time such contract is issued."

(4)

Amend the caption by adding after the word, "loans," in the last line, the phrase, "making it the duty of the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking to examine the books of such corporation."

The (committee) amendments were adopted.

Senate bill No. 23 was passed to third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 54 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 12 and 16 of the Special Road Law for Smith county, Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, and known as Chapter 70 of the Special Laws of said Thirty-third Legislature; and also to amend Section 3 of Chapter 8 of the Special Road Law of Smith county, Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature and approved February 16, 1915, prescribing the number of petitioners for election in said county, or political subdivision thereof, for road bonds, prescribing the purposes of said bonds and further prescribing the condition upon which every able-bodied male convict shall be required to labor upon public roads, and further prescribing the duty of commissioners and other county officials, providing penalties for failure to perform such duty, and further providing the time of maturity, rate of interest and conditions of validating elections heretofore held; rate of interest and conditions of the sale of said bonds, validating elections heretofore held, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—109.

Mr. Speaker.	Dudley.
Atlee.	Dunnam.
Bass.	Estes.
Beard.	Fairchild.
Beasley.	Fly.
Beason.	Ford.
Bedell.	Greenwood.
Bell.	Haidusek.
Bennette.	Hardey.
Bertram.	Harris.
Blackburn.	Henderson.
Blackmon.	Hill.
Bland.	Holaday.
Brown.	Johnson of Blanco.
Bryan.	Johnson of Ellis.
Burton of Rusk.	Jones.
Burton of Tarrant.	Kempen.
Carlock.	Laas.
Cates.	Lacey.
Clark.	Laney.
Cope.	Lange.
Cox of Bee.	Lanier.
Cox of Ellis.	Lindemann.
Crudgington.	McComb.
Davis of Dallas.	McCord.
Davis of Grimes.	McCoy.
Davis	McDowra.
of Van Zandt.	McMillin.
Denton.	Mathis.
Dodd.	Meador.

Mendell.	Stephens.
Metcalf.	Stewart.
Miller of Dallas.	Swope.
Monday.	Taylor.
Morris.	Templeton.
Murphy.	Terrell.
Murrell.	Thomason
Neill.	of El Paso.
Nordhaus.	Thomason
O'Banion.	of Nacogdoches.
Parks.	Thompson
Pillow.	of Hunt.
Poage.	Thompson
Pope.	of Red River.
Raiden.	Tillotson.
Reeves.	Tilson.
Roemer.	Traylor.
Rogers.	Upchurch.
Sackett.	Vaughan.
Sentell.	Veatch.
Schlesinger.	White.
Seawright.	Williams
Smith of Bastrop.	of McLennan.
Smith of Hopkins.	Williford.
Smith of Scurry.	Wilson.
Spradley.	Woods.
Sneed.	Yantis.

Absent.

Bagby.	Robertson.
Bledsoe.	Sallas.
Davis of Harris.	Sholars.
De Bogory.	Strayhorn.
Holland.	Tinner.
Lackey.	Valentine.
Moore.	Wahrmund.
O'Brien.	Williams
Richards.	of Brazoria.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	McFarland.
Butler.	Miller of Austin.
Cadenhead.	Osborne.
Canales.	Peyton.
Hudspeth.	Schlosshan.
King.	Spencer.
Lee.	Thomas.
Lowe.	Walker.

(Mr. Cox of Ellis in the chair.)

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House
of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has concurred in House amendments to Senate bill No. 10 by vote of 26 yeas, no nays.

Respectfully,

J. B. BENNETT,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. S. Raymond Brooks, secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, presented the following messages from the Governor which were read to the House:

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Hon. C. B. Metcalfe of Tom Green county, I submit for your consideration the following subject:

The enactment of a law making appropriations for deficiencies in appropriations heretofore made for the support of the State government for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, to cover duly authorized deficiency claims registered in the office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, in accordance with law.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Carlos Bee, I submit for your consideration the enactment of a law to prohibit any person other than the lawful owner or owners to use, traffic in, purchase, sell, convert, mutilate, or destroy, or to refuse to return to such owner any milk cans, milk bottles, milk jars, butter boxes, ice cream cans or ice cream tubs branded or stamped by or bearing the private mark of such owner.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator C. R. Buchanan of Scurry county, I submit for your consideration an act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 33 of the laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, being an act creating a more effective road system for Scurry county.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Hon. W. H. Bledsoe, I submit for your consideration the following subjects:

The enactment of a law establishing Common School District No. 15 in Lubbock county, Texas.

The enactment of a law readjusting the common school districts and county line common school districts in Lubbock county, Texas, against which outstanding bond issues are now in force.

The enactment of a law changing the boundaries of Lubbock Independent School District and Canyon Common School District No. 11 and New Hope Common School District No. 20, in Lubbock county, Texas.

The enactment of a law changing the boundaries of Abernathy Independent School District, situated in Hale and Lubbock counties, Texas.

The enactment of a law changing the boundaries of Common School Districts Nos. 3 and 14 and Slaton Independent School District in Lubbock county, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator W. L. Dean, I submit for your consideration the subject of enacting a law which would permit the Board of Prison Commissioners to pay any notes which have been executed by or under their authority which the records of the Board of Prison Commissioners show to be just, due and unpaid.

Respectfully submitted,
W. P. HOBBY,
Governor of Texas.

SENATE BILL NO. 26 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 26, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2758, Chapter 12, Title 48, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, relating to the salaries of county superintendents of public instruction, increasing the salaries of said county superintendents, providing for office expenses, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 26, Section 1, by striking out the entire salary schedule beginning with the words "in every county in Texas" and ending with the words "twenty-five hundred dollars," and inserting therefor the following schedule of salaries:

"In every county in the State of Texas that has a scholastic population less than two thousand, in which the office of county superintendent has been created or may be created after this act shall have gone into effect, the county superintendent shall receive an annual salary of twelve hundred dollars; in every county that has a scholastic population of two thousand or more but less than four thousand, the county superintendent shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars; and in every county that has a scholastic population of four thousand or more but less than six thousand, the county superintendent shall receive an annual salary of eighteen hundred dollars; in every county that has a scholastic population of six thousand or more but less than eight thousand, the county superintendent shall receive an annual salary of twenty-one hundred dollars; in every county that has a scholastic population of eight thousand or more but less than ten thousand, the county superintendent shall receive an annual salary of twenty-four hundred dollars; in all counties having a scholastic population of ten thousand or more, the county superintendent shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars."

Mr. O'Banion moved to set the bill as a special order for 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Terrell offered the following amendment to the (committee) amendment:

Amend the amendment by striking out the words "twelve hundred" in line 1, page 3, and insert in lieu thereof the words "one thousand," and by striking out the words "fifteen hundred" in lines 3 and 4, and insert the words "twelve hundred," and by striking out the words "eighteen hundred" in line 6, and insert the words "fifteen hundred," and by striking out the words "twenty-one hundred" in line 9, and insert the words "seventeen hundred," and by striking out the words "twenty-four hundred" in line

12, and insert the words "eighteen hundred," and by striking out the words "twenty-five hundred" in line 14, and insert the words "two thousand."

Mr. Yantis offered the following substitute for the amendment to the (committee) amendment:

Amend S. B. No. 26 by striking out the entire salary schedule in Section 1, and substituting therefor the following: "In every county in Texas that has a scholastic population of more than four thousand, the county superintendent shall be allowed an office clerk at a salary of \$600 per annum, to be paid monthly out of the State and available funds upon order of the county board of trustees."

(Mr. Mendell in the chair.)

On motion of Mr. Miller of Dallas, the substitute for the amendment to the (committee) amendment was tabled.

Mr. O'Banion moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until 3 o'clock p. m. today, and the motion to postpone was lost.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Murrell moved to postpone further consideration of the bill indefinitely.

Mr. McCord moved a call of the House for the purpose of maintaining a quorum pending consideration of Senate bill No. 26, and the call was duly seconded.

The Speaker then directed the Doorkeeper to close the main entrance to the Hall and instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock all other doors leading from the Hall, and stated that no member would be permitted to leave the Hall without written permission from the Speaker.

Mr. Spradley moved the previous question on the motion to postpone indefinitely, and the main question was ordered.

Mr. Johnson of Ellis moved to reconsider the vote by which the main question was ordered, and the motion to reconsider was lost.

Question then recurring on the motion to postpone indefinitely, yeas and nays were demanded.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—50.

Beard.	Burton of Rusk.
Beasley.	Cope.
Bedell.	Cox of Ellis.
Bertram.	Crudgington.
Blackburn.	Davis of Dallas.
Bryan.	Dodd.

Dunnam.	O'Banion.
Estes.	Raiden.
Fly.	Reeves.
Harris.	Rogers.
Henderson.	Sentell.
Johnson of Blanco.	Schlosshan.
Kempen.	Seawright.
Lacey.	Stewart.
Lanier.	Thompson
Lindemann.	of Hunt.
McComb.	Thompson
McCord.	of Red River.
McCoy.	Tillotson.
McDowra.	Tilson.
McMillin.	Tinner.
Mendell.	Traylor.
Metcalfe.	Vaughan.
Miller of Austin.	Veatch.
Murrell.	Wilson.
Neill.	Yantis.

Nays—66.

Atlee.	Miller of Dallas.
Bass.	Moore.
Beason.	Morris.
Bell.	Murphy.
Bennette.	Nordhaus.
Blackmon.	Parks.
Bland.	Pillow.
Bledsoe.	Poage.
Brown.	Roemer.
Burton of Tarrant.	Sackett.
Carlock.	Sallas.
Cates.	Schlesinger.
Clark.	Smith of Bastrop.
Cox of Bee.	Smith of Scurry.
Davis of Grimes.	Spradley.
Davis	Sneed.
of Van Zandt.	Stephens.
De Bogory.	Swope.
Denton.	Taylor.
Dudley.	Templeton.
Fairchild.	Terrell.
Ford.	Thomas.
Greenwood.	Thomason
Haidusek.	of El Paso.
Hardey.	Thomason
Hill.	of Nacogdoches.
Holland.	Upchurch.
Holaday.	Wahrmund.
Johnson of Ellis.	White.
Jones.	Williams
Laas.	of Brazoria.
Lackey.	Williams
Laney.	of McLennan.
Lange.	Williford.
Mathis.	Woods.
Meador.	

Present—Not Voting.

Pope.

Absent.

Bagby.	Robertson.
Davis of Harris.	Sholars.
Monday.	Strayhorn.
O'Brien.	Valentine.
Richards.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Lowe.
Butler.	McFarland.
Canales.	Osborne.
Hudspeth.	Peyton.
King.	Spencer.
Lee.	Walker.

Paired.

Mr. Smith of Hopkins (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Cadenhead (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Spradley moved the previous question on the pending amendments and passage of the bill to a third reading and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment by Mr. Terrell to the (committee) amendment, Mr. Williams of McLennan called for a division of the question.

The several divisions of the amendment were then adopted.

Question then recurring on the (committee) amendment as amended, it was adopted.

Question then recurring on the passage of the bill to a third reading, yeas and nays were demanded.

Senate bill No. 26 was passed to a third reading by the following vote:

Yeas—71.

Bass.	Lindemann.
Beason.	McCoy.
Bell.	Mathis.
Bennette.	Meador.
Bland.	Miller of Dallas.
Bledsoe.	Monday.
Brown.	Moore.
Burton of Rusk.	Morris.
Burton of Tarrant.	Murphy.
Carlock.	Neill.
Cates.	Nordhaus.
Cox of Bee.	Parks.
Davis of Dallas.	Pillow.
Davis of Grimes.	Poage.
Davis	Pope.
of Van Zandt.	Reeves.
Denton.	Roemer.
Dodd.	Sackett.
Dudley.	Sallas.
Fairchild.	Schlesinger.
Greenwood.	Smith of Bastrop.
Haidusek.	Smith of Hopkins.
Hardey.	Spradley.
Hill.	Sneed.
Holaday.	Stewart.
Holland.	Swope.
Johnson of Ellis.	Taylor.
Jones.	Templeton.
Laas.	Terrell.
Laney.	Thomas.
Lange.	

Thomason of El Paso.	Wahrmund.
Thomason of Nacogdoches.	Williams of Brazoria.
Thompson of Hunt.	Williams of McLennan.
Tillotson.	Williford.
Upchurch.	Wilson.
	Woods.

Nays—47.

Atlee.	McCord.
Beard.	McDowra.
Beasley.	McMillin.
Bedell.	Mendell.
Bertram.	Metcalfe.
Blackburn.	Miller of Austin.
Bryan.	Murrell.
Butler.	O'Banion.
Clark.	Raiden.
Cope.	Rogers.
Cox of Ellis.	Sentell.
Crudgington.	Schlosshan.
De Bogory.	Seawright.
Dunnam.	Smith of Scurry.
Fly.	Stephens.
Ford.	Thompson
Harris.	of Red River.
Henderson.	Tilson.
Johnson of Blanco.	Tinner.
Kempen.	Traylor.
Lacey.	Vaughan.
Lackey.	Veatch.
Lanier.	White.
McComb.	Yantis.

Absent.

Bagby.	Richards.
Blackmon.	Robertson.
Davis of Harris.	Sholars.
Estes.	Strayhorn.
O'Brien.	Valentine.
Peyton.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Lowe.
Cadenhead.	McFarland.
Canales.	Osborne.
Hudspeth.	Spencer.
King.	Walker.
Lee.	

Reason for Vote.

I vote "nay" because I believe the bill as now framed to be unconstitutional.
O'BANION.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES ON SENATE BILL NO. 28.

Mr. Carlock called up for consideration, at this time, the following report of the free conference committee on Senate bill No. 28:

Austin, Texas, March 19, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President of the Senate, and Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sirs: Your Free Conference Committee, on Senate bill No. 28, have had said bill, together with House amendments, under consideration and recommend that the following House amendments be adopted, to-wit:

1. The House substitute for Section 10 of said Senate bill, reading as follows:

"Section 10. Said Commission of Appeals shall hold its sessions in Austin, Texas, at the same time and place as the Supreme Court, but the said Commission of Appeals shall continue their work during the vacation of the Supreme Court in midsummer, subject, however, to the right of said judges of the Commission of Appeals to take a vacation, not to exceed eight weeks, during said period. They shall appoint as many stenographers, not exceeding four, as said Commission may find necessary, and such stenographers shall perform the duties required of them by said Commission of Appeals, and each of whom shall receive an annual salary not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars. The salaries of said stenographers shall be paid in monthly installments, on warrants approved by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The clerk of the Supreme Court shall perform the duties of the clerk of said Commission of Appeals, and no extra fees shall be allowed the clerk of the Supreme Court, or his deputy, for services rendered said Commission save and except an additional compensation of fifteen hundred dollars per annum for such services, in addition to the compensation now allowed by law, to be paid out of the fees of his office."

2. The House substitute for Section 8 of said Senate bill, reading as follows:

"Section 8. The opinion of said Commission of Appeals in cases referred to it by the Supreme Court, when adopted by said court, shall be published as the opinion thereof, as in other cases, unless otherwise directed by the Supreme Court."

3. The House amendment to Section 1 of said bill, reading as follows:

"The concurrence of two of the judges of any section shall be necessary to the decision of any question or matter referred to them."

We recommend that Section 15 of said bill be stricken out and the following be inserted in lieu thereof:

"Section 15. The Commission of Appeals created hereby shall begin their services on the first Monday in October, 1918, and shall continue in existence until the last Saturday in June, 1920."

We recommend the following additional amendments:

(a) Amend the caption by striking out the words "for two years" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "from the first Monday in October, 1918, until the last Saturday in June, 1920."

(b) Amend the bill by striking out the words "for two years" in line 4 of Section 1, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "from the first Monday in October, 1918, until the last Saturday in June, 1920."

BEE,
LATTIMORE,
HENDERSON,
COLLINS,
DEAN,

On the part of the Senate.

CARLOCK,
DE BOGORY,
HENDERSON,
TEMPLETON,
BLACKBURN,

On the part of the House.

The Speaker laid the report before the House and it was read.

On motion of Mr. Carlock, the report was adopted.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the House at 12:20 o'clock p. m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

HOUSE BILL NO. 149 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Cope, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 149, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize persons, associations of persons, corporations and districts to conserve the fresh waters of streams for irrigation against pollution by salt sea tides."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

SENATE BILL NO. 27 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 27, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit railroad corporations, by and with the permission of the Railroad Commission of Texas and county commissioners court of the county wherein located, to change, relocate or abandon any portion of its line when without and adjacent to the limits of any incorporated city containing 50,000 inhabitants or more according to the United States census of 1910, and to permit such railroad corporation to change, relocate or abandon any portion of its line within the limits of any incorporated city containing 50,000 inhabitants or more, by and with the permission of the Railroad Commission of Texas and the city council or board of aldermen of such city; and to require such railroad corporation to make such change, relocation or abandonment upon the order of such Railroad Commission, upon the application of such city council or board of aldermen; and providing for the exercise of the right of eminent domain to acquire right of way and depot grounds when lines are changed or relocated, and validating such changes, relocations or abandonments when heretofore authorized by the Railroad Commission of Texas; and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. McCoy moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until 3 o'clock p. m. tomorrow, and the motion was lost.

Mr. Fairchild offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 27, page 3, line 1, add after "lines" and before "sought," "providing that no change shall be made that will seriously affect the charter obligations of any railroad company."

Pending consideration of the amendment, Mr. Bledsoe occupied the chair temporarily.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Dudley moved the previous question on the amendment and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurring on the amendment, it was adopted.

Mr. Fairchild offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 27, page 3, line 13, by striking out all of Section 4

after the word "line" in line 33, and insert in lieu thereof, "providing that no railroad track shall be relocated or abandoned until the property owners, whose industry is adjacent to and is served by said track, shall be compensated to the value of such property so damaged because of said removal, and said damage shall be assessed and paid before permission shall be given said railroad company to remove or abandon their tracks; provided, that the same rules as to the measure of damages in the condemnation of land for right of way purposes for railroads, shall apply in all cases of track or track removals under the provisions of this act."

Pending consideration of the amendment, Mr. Moore occupied the chair temporarily.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Dudley moved the previous question on the amendment and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurring on the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—46.

Atlee.	Meador.
Beard.	Monday.
Bennette.	Nordhaus.
Bertram.	O'Banion.
Bland.	Pillow.
Brown.	Raiden.
Burton of Rusk.	Reeves.
Burton of Tarrant.	Richards.
Cates.	Sallas.
Clark.	Sentell.
Cope.	Schlesinger.
Denton.	Seawright.
Dodd.	Stewart.
Dunnam.	Thomason
Fairchild.	of Nacogdoches.
Haidusek.	Thompson
Holaday.	of Red River.
Johnson of Blanco.	Tinner.
Laas.	Traylor.
Lacey.	Upchurch.
McCord.	Veatch.
McCoy.	Wahrmund.
McMillin.	White.
Mathis.	Williford.

Nays—58.

Bagby.	Cox of Bee.
Bass.	Cox of Ellis.
Beasley.	Crudgington.
Beason.	Davis of Dallas.
Bell.	Davis of Grimes.
Blackburn.	Davis of Harris.
Blackmon.	De Bogory.
Bryan.	Dudley.
Carlock.	Fly.

Ford.	Sackett.
Harris.	Smith of Bastrop.
Henderson.	Smith of Hopkins.
Holland.	Spradley.
Johnson of Ellis.	Sneed.
Jones.	Stephens.
Kempen.	Swope.
Laney.	Taylor.
Lange.	Templeton.
Lanier.	Terrell.
McComb.	Thomason
McDowra.	of El Paso.
Mendell.	Thompson
Metcalf.	of Hunt.
Miller of Dallas.	Tillotson.
Morris.	Tilson.
Murphy.	Vaughan.
Murrell.	Williams
Neill.	of McLennan.
Parks.	Wilson.
Pope.	Woods.
Rogers.	

Present—Not Voting.

Lindemann.	Williams
	of Brazoria.

Absent.

Bedell.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Poage.
Davis	Roemer.
of Van Zandt.	Sholars.
Estes.	Smith of Scurry.
Greenwood.	Strayhorn.
Hill.	Valentine.
Lackey.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	McFarland.
Butler.	Miller of Austin.
Cadenhead.	Osborne.
Canales.	Peyton.
Hudspeth.	Schlosshan.
King.	Spencer.
Lee.	Thomas.
Lowe.	Walker.

Paired.

Mr. Hardey (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. O'Brien (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Yantis (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Robertson (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Parks moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was lost and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Carlock offered the following amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend Senate bill No. 27, Section 6, by adding to the end of said section the

following: "Provided, that no application to alter, change or relocate railway tracks, as contemplated by this section, shall be determined upon by the governing legislative authority of such city until thirty days after publication of the proposed change or relocation of said railway tracks shall have been made in the official newspaper of the said city."

(2)

Amend Senate bill No. 27, Section 2, by adding at the end of said section the following: "Provided, that no application to alter, change or relocate railway tracks, as contemplated by this section, shall be acted upon by the governing legislative authority of such city until thirty days after the petition of citizens provided for herein shall have been filed with said body, and publication thereof has been made for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the limits of said city, prior to action had thereon."

Mr. Metcalfe moved the previous question on the pending amendments and the passage of the bill to a third reading and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendments, they were severally adopted.

Question next recurring on the passage of the bill to a third reading, yeas and nays were demanded.

Senate bill No. 27 was passed to a third reading by the following vote:

Yeas—73.

Bagby.	Jones.
Bass.	Kempen.
Bensley.	Lacey.
Beason.	Lackey.
Bedell.	Laney.
Bell.	Lanier.
Blackburn.	Lindemann.
Blackmon.	McComb.
Bledsoe.	McDowra.
Bryan.	Mendell.
Burton of Tarrant.	Metcalfe.
Butler.	Miller of Austin.
Carlock.	Miller of Dallas.
Cox of Ellis.	Moore.
Crudgington.	Morris.
Davis of Dallas.	Murphy.
Davis of Grimes.	Murrell.
Davis of Harris.	Neill.
De Bogory.	Parks.
Dudley.	Poage.
Fly.	Pope.
Ford.	Reeves.
Harris.	Roemer.
Henderson.	Rogers.
Holaday.	Sackett.
Holland.	Schlosshan.
Johnson of Ellis.	Smith of Bastrop.

Smith of Hopkins.	Thompson
Spradley.	of Hunt.
Sneed.	Tillotson.
Stephens.	Vaughan.
Swope.	Wahrmund.
Taylor.	White.
Templeton.	Williams
Terrell.	of McLennan.
Thomas.	Wilson.
Thomason	Woods.
of El Paso.	Yantis.

Nays—38.

Atlee.	Monday.
Beard.	Nordhaus.
Bertram.	O'Banion.
Bland.	Peyton.
Brown.	Pillow.
Burton of Rusk.	Raiden.
Cates.	Richards.
Cope.	Sallas.
Cox of Bee.	Schlesinger.
Dodd.	Seawright.
Dunnam.	Stewart.
Fairchild.	Thomason
Haidusek.	of Nacogdoches.
Johnson of Blanco.	Thompson
Laas.	of Red River.
McCord.	Tilson.
McCoy.	Tinner.
McMillin.	Traylor.
Mathis.	Upchurch.
Meador.	Williford.

Present—Not Voting.

Lange.

Absent.

Bennette.	Sentell.
Clark.	Sholars.
Davis	Smith of Scurry.
of Van Zandt.	Strayhorn.
Denton.	Valentine.
Estes.	Veatch.
Greenwood.	Williams
Hill.	of Brazoria.
Robertson.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Lowe.
Cadenhead.	McFarland.
Canales.	Osborne.
Hudspeth.	Spencer.
King.	Walker.
Lee.	

Paired.

Mr. Hardey (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. O'Brien (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 30 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 30, A bill to be entitled "An Act to better provide for the location, establishment and construction of the hospital at Rusk, Texas, for the care, treatment and support of insane persons of African race, or descent, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 46 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 46, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the creation of corporations to prevent the pollution of streams and to that end empowering such corporations to gather, impound, and store water containing salt or other substances produced in the drilling or operation of oil wells or other wells; and authorizing such corporations to charge reasonable rates for service; and prohibiting discrimination between patrons; and conferring upon such corporations the power of condemnation of necessary land and rights; authorizing corporations interested in the proper disposition of such waters to subscribe for, own and vote stock in corporations created hereunder, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 55 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 55, A bill to be entitled "An Act conferring upon the Railroad Commission of Texas the power to require persons, firms, corporations and receivers, owning or operating railroads within the State of Texas, to arrange or rearrange or relocate their railroad tracks and depot buildings at stations when and where the safety of the public may require such arrangements or rearrangement; providing procedure for such requirements, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 61 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas to employ not less than three lecturers from among the registered nurses of the State to visit the different high schools, colleges and universities of the State, those supported by public as well as private funds, to arouse a greater interest among young women in the profession of nursing, with the view of securing volunteers for this work, authorizing said board to fix the salary and compensation of said lecturers and term of their service, and providing for the payment of their compensation and expense from fees accumulated and now in the possession of or under the control of said board; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 77 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 77, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make additional appropriations for the support and maintenance of the State Orphan Home for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1918, and the fiscal year ending August 31, 1919, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 102 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 102, A bill to be entitled "An Act enlarging and establishing the Jarrell Independent School District, Jarrell, Williamson county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 84 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 84, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and fix the salary

of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds of the State of Texas, providing for an appropriation to pay said salary, and creating an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. McCord offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend the bill by striking out the enacting clause.

Yeas and nays were demanded and the amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Beard.	Pope.
Bertram.	Raiden.
Bryan.	Schlosshan.
Cox of Bee.	Seawright.
Cox of Ellis.	Smith of Hopkins.
Davis of Dallas.	Thompson
Davis of Harris.	of Hunt.
Davis	Thompson
of Van Zandt.	of Red River.
Dodd.	Tilson.
Dunnam.	Tinner.
Harris.	Traylor.
Laas.	Vaughan.
McCord.	Veatch.
McDowra.	Williford.
Murrell.	Yantis.
Neill.	

Nays—79.

Bagby.	Lange.
Bass.	Lanier.
Beasley.	Lindemann.
Beason.	McComb.
Bedell.	McCoy.
Bennette.	McMillin.
Blackburn.	Mathis.
Blackmon.	Mendell.
Bland.	Metcalfe.
Brown.	Miller of Austin.
Burton of Tarrant.	Miller of Dallas.
Canales.	Moore.
Cates.	Morris.
Clark.	Murphy.
Cope.	Nordhaus.
Crudgington.	Parks.
Davis of Grimes.	Pillow.
Denton.	Poage.
Dudley.	Richards.
Fairchild.	Roemer.
Fly.	Rogers.
Ford.	Sackett.
Greenwood.	Sallas.
Haidusek.	Sentell.
Hardey.	Schlesinger.
Henderson.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hill.	Smith of Scurry.
Holaday.	Spradley.
Johnson of Blanco.	Sneed.
Johnson of Ellis.	Stephens.
Jones.	Stewart.
Kempen.	Swope.
Lackey.	Taylor.
Laney.	Templeton.

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Terrell.	Wahrmund.
Thomas.	White.
Thomason	Williams
of El Paso.	of Brazoria.
Thomason	Williams
of Nacogdoches.	of McLennan.
Tillotson.	Woods.
Upchurch.	

Present—Not Voting.

Atlee.	Carlock.
Burton of Rusk.	

Absent.

Bell.	O'Banion.
Bledsoe.	O'Brien.
De Bogory.	Reeves.
Estes.	Robertson.
Holland.	Sholars.
Lacey.	Strayhorn.
Meador.	Valentine.
Monday.	Wilson.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Lowe.
Butler.	McFarland.
Cadenhead.	Osborne.
Hudspeth.	Peyton.
King.	Spencer.
Lee.	Walker.

Mr. Bertram offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend the bill by striking out "\$2400" and insert "\$2100" in lieu thereof.

Mr. Spradley moved the previous question on the pending amendment and the passage of the bill to a third reading and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—43.

Beard.	Parks.
Beasley.	Raiden.
Beason.	Rogers.
Bedell.	Sentell.
Bertram.	Schlosshan.
Blackburn.	Smith of Hopkins.
Blackmon.	Sneed.
Bland.	Stephens.
Butler.	Terrell.
Carlock.	Thomas.
Cox of Ellis.	Thompson
Crudgington.	of Hunt.
Davis of Dallas.	Thompson
Davis of Harris.	of Red River.
Dodd.	Tilson.
Dunnam.	Tinner.
Harris.	Traylor.
Henderson.	Vaughan.
Laas.	Veatch.
McCord.	Williford.
McDowra.	Woods.
Murrell.	Yantis.

Nays—67.

Atlee.	Miller of Austin.
Bagby.	Miller of Dallas.
Bass.	Monday.
Bennette.	Moore.
Brown.	Morris.
Bryan.	Murphy.
Burton of Rusk.	Neill.
Burton of Tarrant.	Nordhaus.
Canales.	O'Banion.
Cates.	Pillow.
Cope.	Richards.
Cox of Bee.	Roemer.
Davis of Grimes.	Sackett.
Denton.	Sallas.
Dudley.	Schlesinger.
Fairchild.	Seawright.
Ford.	Smith of Bastrop.
Greenwood.	Smith of Scurry.
Haidusek.	Spradley.
Hardey.	Stewart.
Hill.	Swope.
Holaday.	Taylor.
Holland.	Templeton.
Johnson of Ellis.	Thomason
Jones.	of El Paso.
Kempen.	Thomason
Lackey.	of Nacogdoches.
Lange.	Tillotson.
Lanier.	Upchurch.
Lindemann.	Wahrmund.
McComb.	White.
McCoy.	Williams
McMillin.	of Brazoria.
Mathis.	Williams
Mendell.	of McLennan.
Metcalfe.	Wilson.

Absent.

Bell.	Laney.
Bledsoe.	Meador.
Clark.	O'Brien.
Davis	Poage.
of Van Zandt.	Pope.
De Bogory.	Reeves.
Estes.	Robertson.
Fly.	Sholars.
Johnson of Blanco.	Strayhorn.
Lacey.	Valentine.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	McFarland.
Cadenhead.	Osborne.
Hudspeth.	Peyton.
King.	Spencer.
Lee.	Walker.
Lowe.	

Question next recurring on passage of the bill to a third reading, yeas and nays were demanded.

Senate bill No. 84 was passed to a third reading by the following vote:

Yeas—76.

Atlee.	Mendell.
Bagby.	Metcalfe.
Bass.	Miller of Austin.
Beason.	Miller of Dallas.
Bedell.	Moore.
Bennette.	Morris.
Blackburn.	Murphy.
Blackmon.	Nordhaus.
Bland.	Parks.
Brown.	Pillow.
Burton of Tarrant.	Richards.
Canales.	Roemer.
Cates.	Rogers.
Cope.	Sackett.
Crudgington.	Sallas.
Davis of Grimes.	Sentell.
Davis of Harris.	Schlesinger.
Denton.	Smith of Bastrop.
Dudley.	Smith of Scurry.
Fairchild.	Spradley.
Ford.	Sneed.
Greenwood.	Stephens.
Haidusek.	Stewart.
Hardey.	Swope.
Hill.	Taylor.
Holaday.	Templeton.
Holland.	Thomas.
Johnson of Blanco.	Thomason
Johnson of Ellis.	of El Paso.
Jones.	Thomason
Kempen.	of Nacogdoches.
Lackey.	Tillotson.
Laney.	Upchurch.
Lange.	Wahrmund.
Lanier.	White.
Lindemann.	Williams
McComb.	of Brazoria.
McCoy.	Williams
McMillin.	of McLennan.
Mathis.	Wilson.

Nays—32.

Beard.	Reeves.
Beasley.	Schlosshan.
Bertram.	Seawright.
Bryan.	Smith of Hopkins.
Burton of Rusk.	Terrell.
Butler.	Thompson
Cox of Bee.	of Hunt.
Cox of Ellis.	Thompson
Davis of Dallas.	of Red River.
Dodd.	Tilson.
Harris.	Tinner.
Henderson.	Traylor.
Laas.	Vaughan.
McCord.	Veatch.
McDowra.	Williford.
Murrell.	Woods.
Neill.	Yantis.
Raiden.	

Present—Not Voting.

O'Banion.

Absent.

Bell.	Lacey.
Bledsoe.	Meador.
Carlock.	Monday.
Clark.	O'Brien.
Davis	Poage.
of Van Zandt.	Pope.
De Bogory.	Robertson.
Dunnam.	Sholars.
Estes.	Strayhorn.
Fly.	Valentine.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	McFarland.
Cadenhead.	Osborne.
Hudspeth.	Peyton.
King.	Spencer.
Lee.	Walker.
Lowe.	

SENATE BILL NO. 36 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 36, A bill to be entitled "And Act to amend Article 5376, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, and to repeal Article 5379 of the same statute, both relating to the delivery of patents, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate does not concur in House amendments to Senate bill No. 1, and request the appointment of a free conference committee. The following have been elected on the part of the Senate: Senators Hopkins, Page, Lattimore, Suiter and Gibson.

Respectfully,

J. B. BENNETT,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILL NO. 35 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 35, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 3, 16 and 19 of Chapter 83 of an act approved March 16, 1917, relating to the development of minerals in public lands by requiring applications to be filed in the

General Land Office instead of with the county clerk and providing that permits shall be issued to the one who makes the highest cash offer for the area in addition to the one-eighth royalty, and providing for the employment of a mineral inspector, and making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Bledsoe offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. No. 35 by striking out Section 4.

The amendment was lost.

Question—Shall Senate bill No. 35 be passed to third reading?

Mr. O'Banion raised a point of order on further consideration of the bill at this time, on the ground that the time for consideration of local bills had arrived.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

HOUSE BILL NO. 170 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 170, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of House bill No. 95, Chapter 38, pages 392, 393, 394 and 395, of the published laws enacted by the Thirty-fifth Legislature at its First Called Session, creating the Milano Independent School District, revising the metes and bounds of said district, including certain territory therefrom, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 148 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 148, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a more efficient road system for Chambers county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Beason offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend H. B. No. 148, Section 1, by striking out the words "shall at its regular May term, A. D. 1918," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "may at its regular May term, A. D. 1918, or any succeeding term."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 148 was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 133 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 133, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the commissioners court of Bell county to fund an issue of road warrants with an issue of road improvement bonds and thereby relieve the road and bridge fund of the warrant debt, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—97.

Mr. Speaker.	McComb.
Bagby.	McCord.
Beard.	McDowra.
Beasley.	McMillin.
Beason.	Meador.
Bedell.	Mendell.
Bell.	Metcalf.
Bennette.	Miller of Austin.
Bertram.	Miller of Dallas.
Blackburn.	Murphy.
Blackmon.	Murrell.
Bland.	Neill.
Bledsoe.	Nordhaus.
Bryan.	Parks.
Burton of Rusk.	Pillow.
Burton of Tarrant.	Poage.
Butler.	Pope.
Canales.	Raiden.
Carlock.	Reeves.
Cates.	Roemer.
Clark.	Rogers.
Cope.	Sackett.
Cox of Bee.	Sallas.
Cox of Ellis.	Sentell.
Crudgington.	Schlosshan.
Davis of Dallas.	Seawright.
Davis of Grimes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Davis of Harris.	Smith of Hopkins.
De Bogory.	Smith of Scurry.
Denton.	Spradley.
Dodd.	Sneed.
Dudley.	Stewart.
Dunnam.	Swope.
Fairchild.	Templeton.
Ford.	Terrell.
Greenwood.	Thomas.
Hardey.	Thomason
Harris.	of El Paso.
Henderson.	Thompson
Holaday.	of Hunt.
Holland.	Thompson
Johnson of Ellis.	of Red River.
Kempen.	Tillotson.
Laas.	Tilson.
Laney.	Traylor.
Lange.	Veatch.
Lanier.	Williams
Lindemann.	of Brazoria.

Williams
of McLennan.
Williford.

Wilson.
Woods.
Yantis.

Absent.

Atlee.	O'Banion.
Bass.	O'Brien.
Brown.	Peyton.
Davis	Richards.
of Van Zandt.	Robertson.
Estes.	Schlesinger.
Fly.	Sholars.
Haidusek.	Stephens.
Hill.	Strayhorn.
Johnson of Blanco.	Taylor.
Jones.	Thomason
Lacey.	of Nacogdoches.
Lackey.	Tinner.
McCoy.	Upchurch.
Mathis.	Valentine.
Monday.	Vaughan.
Moore.	Wahrmund.
Morris.	White.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Lowe.
Cadenhead.	McFarland.
Hudspeth.	Osborne.
King.	Spencer.
Lee.	Walker.

HOUSE BILL NO. 166 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 166, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 88 of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, known as the Henderson county road law, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—97.

Mr. Speaker.	Canales.
Bagby.	Carlock.
Beard.	Clark.
Beasley.	Cope.
Beason.	Cox of Bee.
Bedell.	Cox of Ellis.
Bell.	Crudgington.
Bennette.	Davis of Dallas.
Bertram.	Davis of Grimes.
Blackburn.	Davis of Harris.
Blackmon.	De Bogory.
Bland.	Denton.
Bledsoe.	Dodd.
Bryan.	Dudley.
Burton of Rusk.	Dunnam.
Burton of Tarrant.	Ford.
Butler.	Greenwood.

Hardey.	Rogers.
Harris.	Sackett.
Henderson.	Sallas.
Holaday.	Sentell.
Holland.	Schlosshan.
Johnson of Ellis.	Seawright.
Kempen.	Smith of Bastrop.
Laas.	Smith of Hopkins.
Lackey.	Smith of Scurry.
Laney.	Spradley.
Lange.	Sneed.
Lanier.	Stewart.
Lindemann.	Swope.
McComb.	Templeton.
McCord.	Terrell.
McCoy.	Thomas.
McDowra.	Thomason
McMillin.	of El Paso.
Mathis.	Thompson
Meador.	of Hunt.
Mendell.	Thompson
Metcalf.	of Red River.
Miller of Dallas.	Tillotson.
Murphy.	Tilson.
Murrell.	Traylor.
Neill.	Veatch.
Nordhaus.	Williams
Parks.	of Brazoria.
Pillow.	Williams
Poage.	of McLennan.
Pope.	Williford.
Raiden.	Wilson.
Reeves.	Woods.
Roemer.	Yantis.

Absent.

Atlee.	O'Banion.
Bass.	O'Brien.
Brown.	Peyton.
Cates.	Richards.
Davis	Robertson.
of Van Zandt.	Schlesinger.
Estes.	Sholars.
Fairchild.	Stephens.
Fly.	Strayhorn.
Haidusek.	Taylor.
Hill.	Thomason
Johnson of Blanco.	of Nacogdoches.
Jones.	Tinner.
Lacey.	Upchurch.
Miller of Austin.	Valentine.
Monday.	Vaughan.
Moore.	Wahrmund.
Morris.	White.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Lowe.
Cadenhead.	McFarland.
Hudspeth.	Osborne.
King.	Spencer.
Lee.	Walker.

HOUSE BILL NO. 140 ON THIRD
READING.

On motion of Mr. Poage, by unanimous consent, the regular order of busi-

ness was suspended to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 140, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the heads of the departments located in the Capitol and the State Land Office building in the city of Austin to file with the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds a complete inventory of all furniture, fixtures, machinery, machines, typewriters and other office utilities, except books and stationery; fixing the time when such inventories must be filed; making the heads of the departments responsible for the property not accounted for and lost by reason of carelessness and negligence of the officer; making it the duty of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds to check up such inventories and make demand for the restoration or payment of all property not lawfully accounted for; declaring that departmental heads shall neither purchase nor sell any of the personal property enumerated in this act, but when no longer of use shall be delivered to the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds for disposition; making it the duty of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds to furnish the various departments with all furniture, fixtures, office necessities and utilities heretofore named, except stationery and books; regulating the manner of purchases for such purpose, but declaring that all purchases made prior to August 31, 1919, shall be made as now provided in appropriation bills, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House and it was read third time and passed.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Bledsoe, it was ordered that House bills Nos. 173, 174, 175, 176 and 177 be not printed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has concurred in House amendments to Senate bill No. 58 by vote of 27 yeas, no nays, and has passed

H. B. No. 110, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3086 (Chapter 10, Title 49), Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, so as to provide that no can-

didate at a primary election for a State or district office shall be declared the nominee of any political party unless he has complied with all the requirements of law, and received a majority of the votes cast for all candidates for such office at such primary election; providing for the holding of a second primary election, and fixing the date for the holding of all second primary elections, and declaring an emergency," with amendment.

Respectfully,
J. B. BENNETT,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL NO. 1.

Mr. Thomas called up for consideration at this time the request of the Senate for a Free Conference Committee to adjust the differences between the two houses on Senate bill No. 1.

The Speaker laid the request of the Senate before the House.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, the request of the Senate was granted.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following Free Conference Committee on the part of the House:

Messrs. Thomas, Miller of Dallas, Brown, Dudley and Sentell.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Bledsoe:

H. B. No. 173, A bill to be entitled "An Act changing the boundaries of Abernathy Independent School District, situated in Hale and Lubbock counties, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Bledsoe:

H. B. No. 174, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish Common School District No. 15 in Lubbock county, Texas, out of and so as to include certain lands heretofore in Slaton Independent School District and Common School Districts Nos. 11 and 20 of said county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Bledsoe:

H. B. No. 175, A bill to be entitled "An Act readjusting the common school

districts and county line common school districts in Lubbock county, Texas, against which outstanding bond issues are now in force, changing boundary lines of said districts, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Bledsoe:

H. B. No. 176, A bill to be entitled "An Act changing the boundaries of Lubbock Independent School District and Canyon Common School District No. 11 and New Hope Common School District in Lubbock county, Texas, and transferring to Canyon Common School District No. 11 a portion of the territory now embraced in Lubbock Independent School District, and providing the Canyon Common School District No. 11 shall assume the portion of the bonded indebtedness of Lubbock Independent School District, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Bledsoe:

H. B. No. 177, A bill to be entitled "An Act changing the boundaries of Common School Districts Nos. 3 and 14 and Slaton Independent School District in Lubbock county, Texas, and transferring a portion of the territory now embraced in Union Common School District No. 3 to Slaton Independent School District, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Smith of Scurry:

H. B. No. 178, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 14 of Chapter 33 of the laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, being an act creating a more effective road system for Scurry county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read, the following enrolled bills:

S. B. No. 43, "An Act to make appropriation for the maintenance of the State Council of Defense and the payment of the secretary thereof and his assistants, traveling expenses and other necessary expenses to be incurred by the State Council of Defense, including clerk hire, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 45, "An Act amending Section 1, Chapter 91, of the General Laws passed by the Thirty-fourth Legislature at its Regular Session requiring applicants for license to practice law under the provisions of said chapter to produce the proof of the existence of the same or similar statute in the State from which the applicant immigrates; validating all license issued by the clerk of the Supreme Court under the provisions of said Chapter 91, passed by the Thirty-fourth Legislature, prior to the passage of this act, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 70, "An Act to amend Article 821 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, adopted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature in 1911, and declaring an emergency."

H. C. R. No. 8, Relating to the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Raiden moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved that the House recess to 8 o'clock p. m. today.

Mr. O'Banion moved that the House adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. O'Banion prevailed and the House accordingly, at 5:30 o'clock p. m. adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 97, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments.

ATLEE, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REFORMS IN CIVIL PROCEDURE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred

House bill No. 100, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Miller of Dallas has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 99, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

MENDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House bill No. 164, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

MENDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 29, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

MENDELL, Vice-Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 177, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 174, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 176, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 175, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 173, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 102, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND LAND OFFICE.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 33, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass. Mr. Bryan gave notice of minority report.

POPE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 36, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Bryan has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

POPE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 19, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 35, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendment. Mr. Bryan has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

POPE, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 140, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the heads of the departments located in the Capitol and the State Land Office building in the city of Austin to file with the Superintendent

of Public Buildings and Grounds a complete inventory of all furniture, fixtures, machinery, machines, typewriters and other office utilities, except books and stationery; fixing the time when such inventories must be filed; making the heads of the departments responsible for the property not accounted for and lost by reason of carelessness and negligence of the officer; making it the duty of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds to check up such inventories and make demand for the restoration or payment of all property not lawfully accounted for; declaring that departmental heads shall neither purchase nor sell any of the personal property enumerated in this act, but when no longer of use shall be delivered to the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds for disposition; making it the duty of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds to furnish the various departments with all furniture, fixtures, office necessities and utilities heretofore named, except stationery and books; regulating the manner of purchases for such purpose, but declaring that all purchases made prior to August 31, 1919, shall be made as now provided in appropriation bills, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 50, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 12 and 16 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, creating a 'State Highway Department,' and which sections relate to the allotment of the highway funds in aid of road construction; and to annual fees for registration of motor vehicles and motorcycles."

H. B. No. 128, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring teachers in the public free schools to conduct school work in the English language exclusively, preventing the adoption of texts for elementary grades not printed in English, defining the grades in which a foreign language may be taught, and fixing penalties for the violation of this act."

H. B. No. 127, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring syphilis, gonorrhea and chancroid, and hereinafter designated as venereal diseases, to be contagious, infectious, communicable and dangerous to the public health; providing for and requiring reports to be made by physicians and others in all cases of such disease; requiring patients affected with venereal disease to give information thereof; requiring city, county and local health officers to ascertain the existence of such diseases and the

sources of infection; providing for the protection of others from infection from such diseases; providing the condition under which the name of the patients is required to be reported; requiring druggists to keep a record of sales of drugs for venereal diseases; prohibiting any person from knowingly exposing another to infection from venereal diseases; providing for the giving of certificate of freedom from such diseases; providing that the records and all information concerning the persons infected with such diseases shall be kept secret from the public; providing for penalty for violations of this act; investing the State, county and local health officers with all authority now provided for the enforcement of quarantine regulations, to enforce the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 131, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the acknowledgments of written instruments and the taking of depositions of witnesses in the military or naval service of the United States by officers of the United States authorized under the military laws of the United States to administer oaths, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 111, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3096 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, adopted in 1911, so as to read as follows: 'Article 3096. Ballot, primary, no symbol, etc., on except, etc.; ballot without test not counted, etc.'"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
COX of Bee, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 134, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the payment by the State Prison Commission of debts contracted by the Prison Commission prior to January 7, 1915, for which appropriation was made from the general revenues by Chapter 201, Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session; providing that the sum of three hundred and sixty-two thousand four hundred and twenty-three and 43-100 dollars paid in discharge of prison system indebtedness from the general revenues for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1917, be transferred from the special funds of the Prison Commission to the general revenue; providing that

the sum of three hundred and eighty-seven thousand seven hundred and eighty-three and 51-100 dollars provided to be paid from the general revenues during the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1918, in discharge of prison system indebtedness be paid from the funds of the prison system at the time and under the conditions specified in the said acts providing the payment of such Prison Commission indebtedness and interest thereon, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
COX of Bee, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 161, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 32, Article 6196 of the General Laws, passed at the First Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, 1917, page 49, regulating the management and control of the penitentiary system and regulating the fixing of salaries of penitentiary guards, and declaring an emergency,"

H. B. No. 166, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 88 of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, known as the Henderson county road law, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
COX of Bee, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 149, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize persons, associations of persons, corporations and districts to conserve the fresh waters of streams for irrigation against pollution by salt sea tides,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
COX of Bee, Chairman.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 18, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 98, "An Act to amend Article 1197, Title 17 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to delinquent children so as to include and further prescribe the procedure in cases of boys and girls; fixing penalties, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4:06 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 18, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 8, Relating to the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway,

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4:06 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.

TWENTIETH DAY.

(Thursday, March 21, 1918.)

The House met at 9 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Atlee.	Davis
Bagby.	of Van Zandt.
Bass.	De Bogory.
Beard.	Denton.
Beasley.	Dodd.
Beason.	Dudley.
Bedell.	Dunnam.
Bell.	Fairchild.
Bennette.	Fly.
Bertram.	Ford.
Blackburn.	Greenwood.
Blackmon.	Haidusek.
Bland.	Hardey.
Bledsoe.	Harris.
Brown.	Henderson.
Bryan.	Hill.
Burton of Rusk.	Holaday.
Burton of Tarrant.	Holland.
Butler.	Johnson of Blanco.
Canales.	Johnson of Ellis.
Carlock.	Jones.
Cates.	Kempen.
Clark.	Laas.
Cope.	Lacey.
Cox of Bee.	Lackey.
Cox of Ellis.	Laney.
Crudgington.	Lange.
Davis of Dallas.	Lanier.
Davis of Harris.	Lindemann.